



Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Program Descriptions

Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

***Programs marked with an asterisk require reservations. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot!**

BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR

Join a ranger for behind the scenes access to closed areas of the refuge complex. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity.

EAGLE TOUR

Enjoy our national bird on this bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. See a few nests and discover why so many eagles call the marsh home.

OWL PROWL

Experience the refuge at night! Explore the world of owls and learn about their amazing adaptations on this guided hike through the forest.

MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join a refuge volunteer and become a citizen scientist the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather.
Meet at the trailhead parking area.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Join others for this 116 year old tradition! It may be cold outside, but the company is warm, and the birds love the attention! Bring your binoculars!
Meet at the trailhead parking area.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FOR KIDS

Be a scientist and explore the refuge to see how many birds are braving the cold winter. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather!

EVENING SOCIAL

Enjoy an evening of comradery during this “Business after Hours” event. Hosted in partnership with Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Association.

OTTAWA WILDLIFE DRIVE

Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile ONE WAY gravel route begins from the overflow parking area. Open sunrise to sunset. (Entrance gate closes one hour prior to sunset)

NATURE TOTS

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun! Be sure to dress for the weather.

SWAMPERS

Children ages 6-12 are invited to hike with a ranger and explore the refuge. Discover the wonder of nature and plan for a swampin’ good time! Be sure to dress for the weather.

STORIES OF THE SWAMP

Discover the stories of the swamp! Stop by the visitor center and enjoy exhibits and a video that highlight the natural and cultural history of the Great Black Swamp. Open daily 9:00 am—4:00 pm.

BOB HINES GALLERY—SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Celebrate Black History Month and enjoy the work of Dudley Edmondson, author and photographer of *The Black and Brown Faces in America’s Wild Places*.

JUNIOR DUCK STAMP

Join other youth in conservation and submit a piece of art to this annual art contest. Entries are due March 1. Visit our website for more information.

Visitor Center Open daily 9:00 am—4:00pm

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<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa>

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Calendar of Events

January—March, 2016

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Friday, January 1

New Year's Day: Visitor Center Closed

Sunday, January 3

8:00am— Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, January 16

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

10am-1pm— Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Sunday, January 17

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Monday, January 18

Federal Holiday: Visitor Center Closed

Wednesday, January 20

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

12:30pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour*

Thursday, February 4

5-7pm Evening Social

Sunday, February 7

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Monday, February 15

Federal Holiday: Visitor Center Closed

Saturday, February 20

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Sunday, February 21

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Tuesday, March 1

Junior Duck Stamp entry deadline

Saturday, March 5

12-4pm — Members Only Event*

Sunday, March 6

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

Saturday, March 12

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots*

1-2:30pm— Swampers*

Sunday, March 13

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

12:30pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour*

Friday, March 18

7-9pm— Owl Prowl*

Saturday, March 19

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Sunday, March 20

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Friday, March 25

7-9pm— Owl Prowl*

Saturday, March 26

12-4pm— Members Only Event*



Members Only Events:

Saturday, March 5

12-4pm— Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge*

Saturday, March 26

12-4pm— Schoonover Waterfowl Production Area Tour*

Membership information is available at the visitor center information desk.